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TO ALL STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS:

Subject: Current Farm Labor News - #13

Appropriation for 2d Half of 1947. Wednesday (May 7) Department of Agriculture representatives appeared before the Bureau of Budget to explain the request for an appropriation for the Farm Labor program during the period July 1 to December 31, 1947, and the 30 days liquidation period thereafter. At this writing it is not known whether the Farm Labor appropriation item may be presented to Congress as a supplement to the regular 1948 supply bill of the Department of Agriculture, or as an item in a deficiency bill.

Permanent Farm Labor Bill Introduced

"By Mr. Hope:

"H. R. 3367. A bill to enable the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Federal Extension Service, to cooperate with the Land-Grant colleges and universities in carrying out a program for the collection and dissemination of information with respect to the supply of, the need for, and the effective use of agricultural workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture".

From Congressional Record, Wednesday, May 7, 1947. Text of bill will be sent as soon as available.

With this letter supervisors are getting a copy of the press release issued thru the Department's Office of Information in connection with distribution of the new Great Plains States Combine and Labor Guide for the wheat and small grain harvest. Copies of the guide were mailed with last week's letter. It is interesting for study as a new technique in Extension Farm Labor information work.

Proofs for the new Central States labor guide--"Farm Jobs from Gulf to Great Lakes"--were returned to the printer Friday. Delivery is expected after the middle of this month.

In Colorado in March, 5,925 persons attended 11 labor saving beet machinery caravan shows, sponsored by Colorado A & M College and sugar beet companies, machinery companies and railroads.

State Supervisor Pierson, Idaho, reports in his weekly farm labor news letter that "camp housing in southwestern Idaho has been improved with the transfer of 28 former buildings from Gowen Field", and that they will be ready for occupancy this season.

In Tennessee, an Extension news release says, a quarter of a million Extension publications and leaflets have been requested as a result of the State Rural Progress show including Farm Labor features. More than 25,000 persons saw the show at 25 one-day stops. Farm folks are making wide use of the time and labor saving ideas demonstrated at the shows, the news release says.

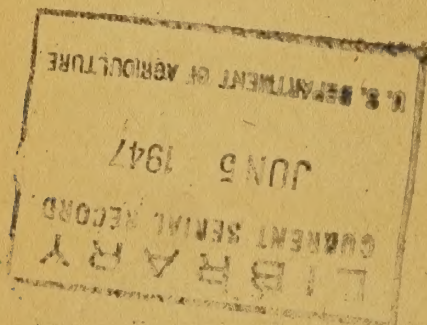
In South Dakota, 331 town and city boys, 14 to 17 years old, attended 7 one-day tractor operation and maintenance schools held by Zach Wipf. Many of the boys had been at similar schools two years ago and had used their training to good advantage during 1945-46 harvest work, and will be good help again this year.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington State farm labor supervisors have been getting an exceptionally good break in Farm Labor publicity, through a series of housing stories written for a chain of farm papers by Gene McNulty, associate editor. In addition to pictures showing various types of housing, the story includes a presentation of plans for temporary facilities. In each state the story was developed in cooperation with the State farm labor supervisor.

In sending an order for copies of the new grain harvest Combine and Labor Guide, John Sheay, county agricultural agent at Litchfield, Minnesota, writes: "It might interest your section to know that since I started here as county agent 28 years ago, next Friday, May 23, that 10,000 farm hands have been placed thru the Meeker County Agricultural Extension Office".

A. D. Cobb, northeastern area director is spending next week in New England. He is scheduled as follows: Vermont, May 12; New Hampshire, May 13; Massachusetts, May 14 and 15; and Connecticut, May 16.

Anderson's Committee Meets. The Land-Grant College Committee on Permanent Farm Labor program met in Washington, D. C., May 5-6. All members of the committee were in attendance: F. A. Anderson, Colorado, chairman; Aubrey D. Gates, Arkansas; L. R. Simons, New York; W. W. Clark, Wisconsin and Frank Ballard, Oregon.



Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

(Copy to State supervisors)